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(*d*) the action taken by the Government to help the workers thrown out of employment?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) *to* (*d*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Cannanore

* 2568 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the general body meeting of the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society of Cannanore, held on 19th September 1954 sanctioned certain concessions to the employees of the Society subject to the approval of the Government; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government approved the recommendation of the Society.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [b] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: When was the instruction given to the various Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies with regard to payment of ex gratia allowance and leave salary? May I know whether the Government have got any information whether these societies have implemented the instructions issued by the Government on these topics?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: The Government have given their approval to the Collector's proposal and permitted the adoption of by-laws for this purpose with retrospective effect.

Sulochana Mudaliar Bridge over the Thambaraparani

* 2569 *Q.*—SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to widen the Sulochana Mudaliar Bridge over the Thambaraparani river which connects Palayamkottai and Tirunelveli Municipalites; and

(*b*) for how long the proposal has been pending with the Government?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) A proposal to widen the bridge was considered in June 1954. As the bridge lies on a National Highway the Government of India were addressed to meet a portion of the cost of the proposed work. They replied in May 1955 declining to comply with the request. It is therefore proposed to consider the proposal in connexion with the State Budget for 1956–57.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 562–563 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix IV on page 563 infra.